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Friedrich Burmeister, Minister for Postal Service and Telecommunications in East Germany and CDU member, who was born in June 1888, has submitted his application for his pension and apparently expects to leave office soon. He was not in high esteem with the East German authorities with regard to his professional qualification, but was popular with the employees of the postal services who considered him an expert. It is said that the Minister for Postal Services and Telecommunications is to be an SED member, and that Dr. Karl Wilhelm Schroeder, State Secretary of the Postal Ministry, is attempting to secure the appointment as Burmeister's successor.

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment. The information is believed correct. Schroeder was born about 1898. He allegedly received political training in Moscow during the war.

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